

Newsletter

'In St Bede's we welcome everyone, grow and learn together as God's family, and use our gifts to serve with love'

Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians,

More than 100 days have passed since we were all together as a complete school family, but we are continuing to see the wonderful work, attitudes and personalities of all of our children across Google Classroom, in the classrooms and around the school. The children never cease to amaze us through their resilience and determination and we are immensely proud of them all.

It has been lovely today to see some of our parents from Year 3, Nursery and Reception as we met in the prayer garden to say thank you and to wish them a well earned summer break. We also took the opportunity to hand to them end of year reports. We look forward to seeing the remainder of the year groups next week at the times we indicated through parentmail.

End of year reports for parents who have been unable to collect will be sent out next week. How they will be delivered to you, will be confirmed. For the children who are in school, they will take their reports home with them. By the end of next week, you will be notified of your child's teacher for the academic year 2020 – 2021.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all our children back in school in September. We have missed you all. We were very pleased to receive notification by post that St Bede's achieved the bronze award for our participation in the Tees Valley Virtual School Games. Well done to everyone for their superb efforts.

Our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, addressed all school leavers this morning and our Year 6 children in school listened to the broadcast. We hope our children learning from home were able to as well. For anyone that missed it and would like to hear what was said, here is a link to the 10 Downing Street You Tube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8o7mIMg3mmO9-dx3e2iFgw>

Have a wonderful weekend

Best Wishes

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER DEREK

Dear Children and Families

As we move towards the end of the term and the end of the school year I would like to say to all the members of our school communities at St Benedict's and St Bede's a big 'Thankyou' for the creative and positive way you have all responded to the challenges of the last few months. All the children together with their parents, teachers and school support staff have worked hard to keep our school and parish communities together and have taken great steps to support each other and the wider community at a very difficult time. Thank you everyone!

A Prayer for you to use:

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness.
For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.
For summer time, full of warmth and colour,
and for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.
You are always with us.
Amen.



CLASS NEWS

NURSERY

We have loved seeing you all get active this week as part of our sports week. You have been very inventive and creative as you always are. We have seen obstacle courses set up for Barbie Dolls, lots of outdoors sports, throwing and catching skills, yoga, active stories like We're Going on a Bear Hunt and mini sports days at home! Wow, what a week! Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all.

Next week is our final week before we break up for the Summer Holidays, our theme is memories and celebrating our achievements throughout the year. We look forward to sharing our memories together.

We are so pleased to say that this week's worker of the week is awarded to Rose S, you always take part in home learning enthusiastically and we are so proud that you have been working so hard with your phonics at home. Well done Rose!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,
love Mrs Gibbon and the Nursery Team.

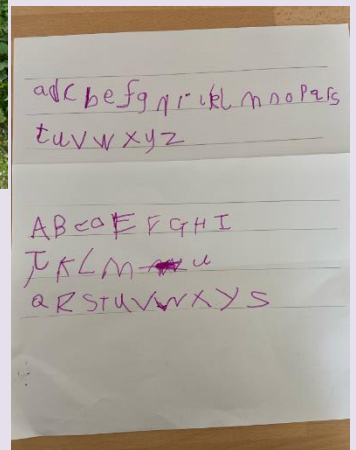


RECEPTION

Hello Reception and happy Friday! We hope you have enjoyed this week's theme 'Sport.' We have loved seeing some of you complete obstacle courses in your gardens and mini sports days with your families. Next week will be our 15th week of home learning and we will be looking back at our favourite memories from your time in Reception. Have a fantastic weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing what you get up to on our final week of term!

Our worker of the week has been awarded to Otilie. You practised your sounds and matched them to their capital letter. We loved seeing the fun you had in your garden completing a mini sports day with your sister. We were also so proud to hear that you went on a 5.5 mile bike ride too! Well done Otilie, you are a super star!

Love from Miss Brown, Mrs Robinson and the EY team



YEAR 1

Another lovely week in Year 1 draws to a close and what a lovely week we have had. We have been enjoying learning all about the Olympics. We have loved making our Olympic Torches in school.

We have picked 2 workers of the week this week: Thea and Mikey. We have been blown away by all of your art work for the Children's Art Week challenge but were really impressed with Thea's mixed media collage. It was excellent! We have picked Mikey for his excellent efforts in particular for his handwriting and his beautiful sentences. He has produced some lovely, creative writing. Keep up the good work Thea and Mikey!

We have loved watching your art challenges on Google Classroom. The children have taken some wonderful photographs and produced some beautiful art work. We are looking forward to seeing more of your art work next week!

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Take care, stay safe and keep smiling!

Miss Cooper and the Year 1 Team



YEAR 2

This week we have been learning about the Olympics, the Paralympics and the Special Olympics. The children have been reading and writing about what makes the Olympics so special. Each day, the children have taken part in a different sporting challenge, learning, exercising and having fun. The children have designed their own obstacle courses and even created new sports to compete in at the Olympics.

We have had fun creating new stories which teach people a lesson about sport. We have also written letters to Mr Johnson, persuading him to address the plastic and refuse problems.

Another great week Year 2, well done.

Workers of the week are Ava and Kian for producing lots of lovely work.

Take care and enjoy your weekend.

Discussion Text
My letter on the use of plastic.

Dear Boris Johnson,

I am writing to you to share my concerns about the effects that plastic has on our environment. Do you know that plastic takes 450 years to break down in our environment? This means that in this time animals and sea creatures could get very hurt!

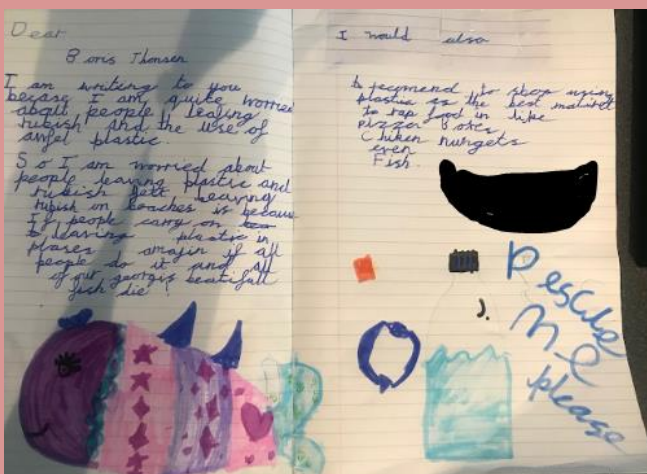
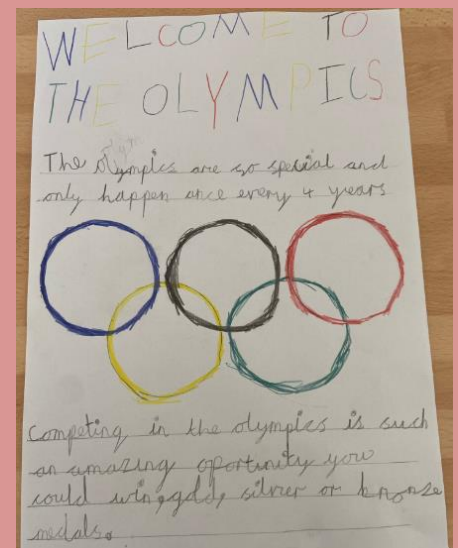
I think we should try to get rid of plastic especially things like plastic bags and packaging and replace it with eco-friendly materials like paper foam. This material is kind on our environment and won't harm animals.

I know plastic still needs to be used for some important things such as in hospitals but I don't think we should use it at all for less important things such as straws and plastic bags.

If we don't act now in 2050 scientists predict that our oceans will have more plastic in them than fish! This shocking statement should be enough to ban plastic except for really important things. It would be really good if you can help me to save our planet!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for reading.



Discussion Text
My letter on the use of plastic.

Dear Mr Johnson

I am writing to inform you of the damage that the use of plastic materials such as water bottles or milk bottles are having on our environment.

I am sure you are aware of the current problem that this has in our beaches and environment. Did you know that every bit of plastic that has ever entered our ocean is still there! This is a very serious problem as plastic can have a devastating impact to wildlife.

At St Bedes primary school we believe that this must change! We feel that the world needs to be better educated with regards to the damaging effects that plastic can have to our environment.

Everyone is aware that plastic is not biodegradable so will not break down and decompose like other materials. As each of your plastics that we use everyday are only used once we feel that there must be other material which is more friendly to the environment which could be used as a substitute. We therefore recommend that you use glass bottles which can be cleaned and returned or even recycled.

We assure you that this will have a dramatic impact on the environment whilst saving money.

You are the power of the world in that you are a part of the Government and therefore we believe that if you make the change many others will follow in your footsteps. We therefore ask that you make the change starting on the receipt of this letter and showing the country that if we work together we can achieve.

All at St Bedes believe in you and know that you will do the right thing to help protect our environment.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

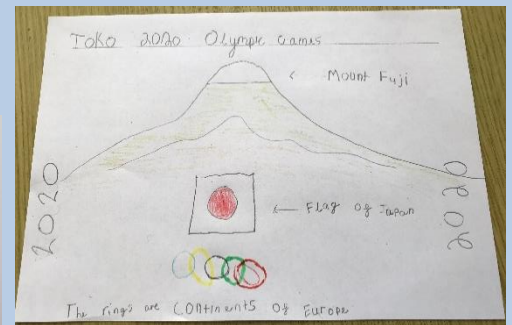
YEAR 3

We are always astounded by the quality of presentation and the way children showcase their depth of learning and knowledge. This week has been no exception. We have been following an Olympic theme with children writing stories from a picture stimulus and title, 'Out of the blocks.' Some of the words the children have written have made us feel like we were actually there on the race track! Children have been designing and taking part in their own games and designing their own logo to represent Tokyo 2020. Linked to geography, children have researched areas of Japan and made comparisons to our Lake District.

Children have paid such attention to detail as we have continued Children's Art Week. The theme this week has been crossing generations and we have had a focus on the work of the artist He Qi. Children have explored some of this artist's work and created their own pieces in the same style and linked to stories from the Bible. They are exceptional.

Warm wishes, stay safe and alert,

Mrs Bennett and Mrs Winn

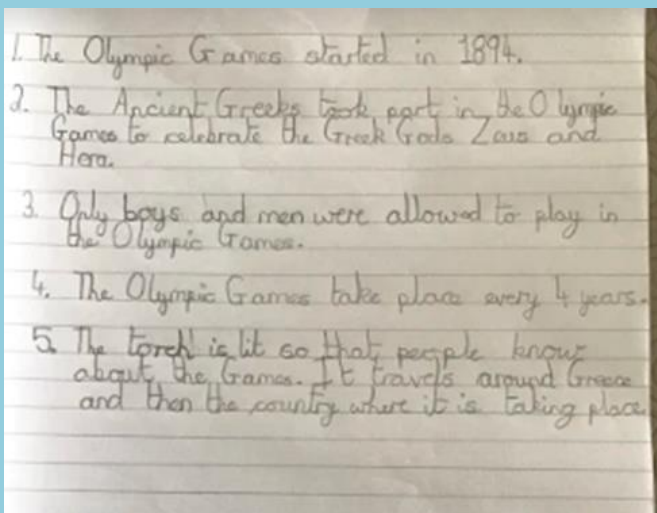


YEAR 4

This week in English we have been writing interview questions to a lighthouse keeper. In maths, we have revisited place value, addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. We have looked at the Olympics this week and chosen different tasks to complete such as making Olympic olive leaf crowns, exercising through yoga poses and designing a new Olympic mascot. For the second week of art week, the children have been learning about the artist 'He Qi.'

It has been great seeing everyone's creativity and hard work. This week, we have a group of workers of the week. They are Ruby, Scarlett, Austin and Jack Wi. All of them have produced wonderful work this week and have shown their creativity and determination with their home learning. All the year 4 staff are immensely proud of everyone and their activities this week. You are all superstars. Keep up the brilliant work and keep looking after each other.

All the Year 4 staff.



YEAR 5

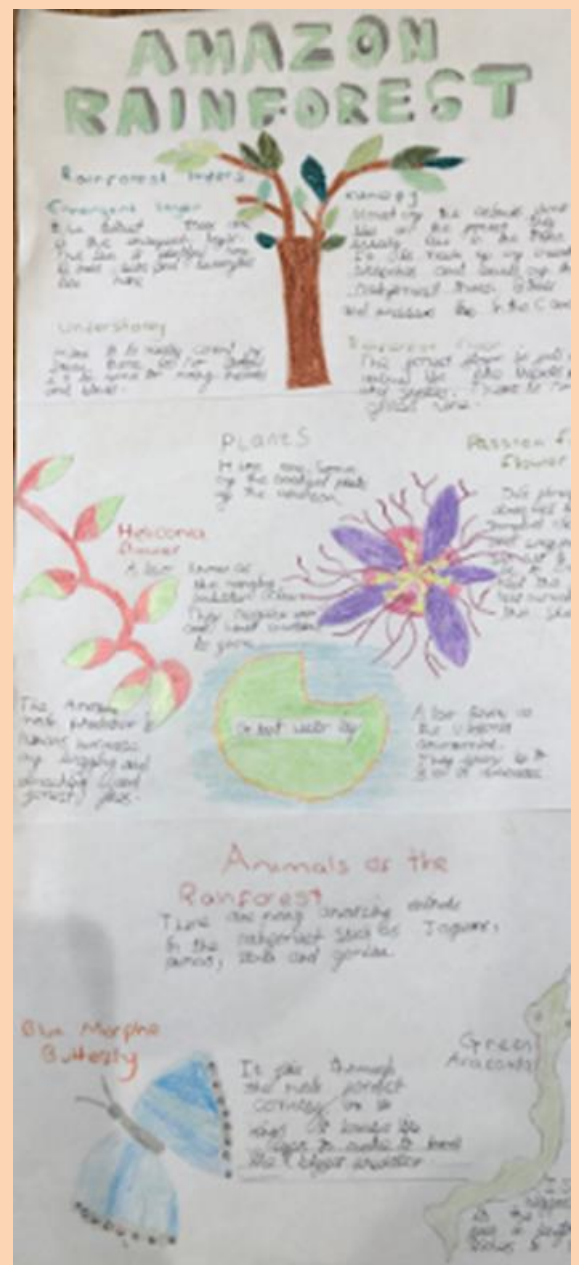
This week the children have continued their topic of volume in maths. We have explored estimating volume and capacity. In English, Year 5 have written their own adventure stories, using a range of wonderful vocabulary and punctuation. The children also created some stunning book covers to go with their amazing writing.

For Children's Art Week, we explored the artwork of He Qi and created our own artwork in his style to represent our favourite Bible stories. The children also created brilliant presentations about He Qi and his artwork. In Geography, we created beautiful posters to illustrate all we have learnt in our topic of the Amazon Rainforest.

For our workers of the week, we have chosen Raife for his amazing art skills and Zak for his determination with all his work.

Thank you for all your hard work and determination Year 5! Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe.

Miss Stainthorpe & Ms Fox



YEAR 6

In school this week, we have been celebrating sports week, with the children taking part in lots of different sporting activities.

This week in maths, we have been looking at converting between different measurements of time.

We have nearly finished reading *Wonder* and have been looking at different characters and writing a final piece of extended writing.

In our Olympics topic, the children have been looking at the history of the Paralympics and designing Olympic themed merchandise.

For their art task this week, the children were using the work of He Qi as an inspiration to create pictures of Bible stories using bold and vibrant colours. In science, they were challenged to design the ultimate mobile phone.

You can see some of the work produced below.

Stay safe and well

Mrs Atkinson, Mr Gunn, Miss Lyne, Mrs Roughley, Mr Townley and Miss Walker

